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SIXTH form student at Wadham School, 18-year-old Katie Jeffery, from Crewkerne, has always wanted to become a journalist. She has also other interests, especially singing, but journalism is something she has always come back to and she is currently studying English literature, performing arts and psychology. She has always enjoyed writing but says she is terrible at fiction, much preferring real stories, and recently got involved in the school newsletter. Katie also loves the stage and has performed in the last four school productions, preferring the musical roles.



WHAT attracts you most to journalism?
I like to be fact there are a variety of jobs within journalism and I am quite a nosey person. If there's gossip I just have to know what it is, I know that's not always a good thing.

HAS there been a writing project that you have really enjoyed?
Yes, in English I wrote an article on "Should Swearing be Banned in Public?" and did a project on how swearing varies in different age groups, comparing male teenagers, twenties and pensioners. Sadly, the teens were the worst.

WHAT aspect of journalism most attracts you?
The reporting side is not my main interest, I prefer discussing the bigger issues and would love to have my own column and put my opinions down.

DO you have a pet hate or subject you would like to cover?
Homophobia is still a major issue, it shocks me that in America there are still more states that legalise cousins getting married than gay marriage - that doesn't make sense whatsoever.

WHO do you aspire to with your singing?
I would rather be myself than model my singing on someone else. I enjoyed playing the character Rizzo in "Grease" and I like the character Maureen from "Rent". I like musicals that looks at the big issues and have a humorous side as well.

WHAT are your plans after sixth form?
When I finish at Wadham, regardless of my results, I want to take a year out and work. I would love to get some journalism experience if I can, but I want to continue to study English.

HAVE you done any photography?
I used to have a big interest in photography but I never focused on it too much because everyone says you can't make money at it.

60 seconds

WHO would you most like to meet?

Billie Joe Armstrong, lead singer from Green Day. The lyrics on a lot of the songs have so much meaning for me. His dad died when he was 10 and my mum died when I was 11, I've still got my dad and he's done a brilliant job of being a mother and father.

WHAT three things would you want on your deserted island?
I will say a boat because I would always have the hope of getting off it. I would have to have some sort of music and my phone, I know that sounds superficial but I have to have contact with other people.

WHAT aspect of school do you like most?
There is not just one thing but now I am in the sixth form there is a bit more freedom about what we want to do in lessons. For example, I can pick my own English project. Also the majority of my friends stayed on with me which was nice.

AS a young person what do you think is lacking in Crewkerne?
We are forever finding ourselves saying "what shall we do today?" because there is nothing for my age group if we don't want to go to the pub. We spend a lot of time walking around but, to be honest, we feel a bit vulnerable. We used to go to the old sports club and watch TV or play pool but we went to the new one and they said we couldn't be there without adult supervision because some are only 17. If there are things for us, like a youth club, I don't know about it so it needs more awareness.

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Historic station bench returned to its home

BACK WHERE IT BELONGS: Friends of Crewkerne Station read *The Weekender* on old bench in the booking office

THE Friends of Crewkerne Station were delighted to move an historic waiting room seat back to the station but still have a mystery to solve.

The upholstered bench, which could seat up to six people, was obtained from Lawrences sale rooms with an assurance that it came from the old Crewkerne Station waiting room. There was, however, no provenance and the Friends would be interested to know if any local people have any knowledge about the seat having been in the old waiting room.

Friends secretary, Gail Coleshill, said: "What would be even more useful is any photos of the waiting room as it was before the alterations there now. The history group is very keen to hear from anyone with more in-

formation about everyday life at the station in the old days."

After yet another day of rail disruption when no trains were running on a Sunday, the Friends used this opportunity to sign a letter to the chief executive officer of South West Trains to express their concerns in the strongest terms about the condition of the line.

Friends chairman Tony Reese said he had been informed by Network Rail that there were 40 points of weakness on the track between Salisbury and Exeter.

He commented: "We are concerned for the safety of passengers and the resilience of the line during periods of bad weather. These are likely to be more frequent if the extreme weather forecasts prove to be correct."

Rotary collects a further £389 for flooding victims



THE ROTARY Club of Crewkerne District raised £386.10 during their collection in Crewkerne last Saturday. The money raised will go towards the Rotary District 1200 Flood Appeal to help those affected by the recent flooding on and around the Somerset Levels. The club would like to express its thanks to all those who so generously contributed to the collection. Pictured above, Crewkerne District Rotarians Caroline Dredge, Sandra Shore and Stephen Morse with their collection tins.

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Lottery funding First World War commemoration

SOUTH Somerset District Council has received £6,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project called Remembering in South Somerset.

Awarded through HLF's "First World War: Then and Now" programme, the project will focus on producing a booklet commemorating WWI for all school children in South Somerset.

The project, to be launched later this year to mark the outbreak of war on August 4th 1914, will enable local people in South Somerset to come together and preserve the stories of the people who lived through and fought in WWI. Volunteers will collect photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of

The Heritage Team at the Community Heritage Access Centre (CHAC) run by the district council has been awarded the grant to produce commemorative booklets for school children and arrange talks and tours relating to life on the home front. It will highlight some of the key men and women of South Somerset who shaped the war effort both at home and on the front lines.

Additionally staff at CHAC will be curating a temporary exhibition to be on display later this year and are working in partnership with the Imperial War Museum as part of a nation-wide initiative to commemorate the centenary.

With help from professionals, the information gathered will be digitally recorded and an online interactive archive will be created where everyone can access and contribute information. The archive will allow the public to discuss, contribute, share and research information about the home front.

Sylvia Seal from the district council said: "We are really thrilled to receive the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund for this project. We are committed to commemorating the sacrifices made by people in south Somerset and this project will ensure they are remembered and their stories understood".

Explaining the importance of the HLF support, the head of the HLF in the South West, Nerys Watts, said:

"The impact of the First World War was far reaching, touching and shaping every corner of the UK and beyond. The Heritage Lottery Fund has already invested more than £46million in projects, large and small that are marking this global centenary; with our small grants programme, we are enabling even more communities like those involved in re-

membering to explore the continuing legacy of this conflict and help local young people from south Somerset broaden their understanding of how it has shaped our modern world."

WORK ON THE HOME FRONT: Pictured below, WWI women workers at the Westland Aircraft Factory in Yeovil



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Friends go mad for charity raffle

LAUGHING in the face of adversity, two Chard women who are both being treated for cancer decided to be proactive and organise a raffle and quiz night to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Jill White from Tatworth has become known locally as the Mad Hatter having found what she called "Lottie the lady lump" in August 2013 and, after surgery and chemotherapy, she lost her hair. Determined not to wear bad wigs, she opted for hats and someone challenged her to wear a different hat every day.

The idea snowballed and through online social media ND she has now received hats and donations for Cancer Research UK from all over the world. A man in Canada sent a hat in memory of his wife whom he lost to the disease, as well as a donation and flowers to Jill, in support.

At the time of her diagnosis, Jill, who has lived in the Chard area for 15 years, was working on the checkout at Tesco. Knowing her colleague Alison Whittingham had also received cancer treatment for the disease, she asked for support and Alison accompanied her to appointments. The two have now become firm friends despite admitting they didn't like each other before, and are determined to raise as much money as they can for the cancer charity.

The pair settled on a quiz night and were offered the use of the Phoenix Hotel by co-owner Sarah Jones and have since been selling raffle tickets from there every day.

Jill said: "You can curl up in a corner and go woe is me or you can try and do something. Cancer is a scary word and people don't like to talk about it but there are many people out there, even just in this town, who are dealing with it.

"I chose to share my story on Facebook and it has been a source of comfort, not just to me but other people and it



■ **TOP PRIZES:** Alison Whittingham and Jill White are fundraising with a quiz night and grand raffle for Cancer Research UK

takes me three hours to walk through Chard now because everyone knows the Mad Hatter. The treatment I have received and the support from my GP at Tawstock has been brilliant.

"In June I want to hold a Mad Hatters tea party in Tatworth to say thank you for all the support and to auction off all the hats but right now we are concentrating on the quiz night."

Alison said that, thanks to the deputy manager at Tesco, Jason Leabeater, the mobile chemotherapy unit will now be coming to Chard.

The grand raffle will be drawn on March 18th during the quiz night, which starts at 8pm, and the ladies would like to thank everyone who has donated prizes. The first prize is two nights accommodation with breakfast at the Hilton Hotel, Canary Warf, London, for Mother's Day weekend, March 28th to 30th. Other prizes include vouchers from Razooks hairdressers, Otter Nurseries and Tesco, a meal for two at the Phoenix Hotel, massage at Pure Beauty salon, a round of golf for four at Windwhistle, Yeovil Town FC tickets, a meat voucher, work by a local artists and two genuine Canadian Red Sox shirts.

Tickets are £1 a strip. If you would like to donate a prize or cash email Alison at whittingtonfamily@msn.com

CHARD Carnival Committee shared out profits raised during the 2013 season at the Lordleaze Hotel recently.

The committee raised a total of £3,500 through donations made on carnival night and at other events through the year.

The money was split between four local good causes, with £1,000 each going to Chard and Crewkerne After Stroke Group and Breast Cancer Care, and £100 each to Chard Summer Show and the Catherine Wells Burr Foundation.

Accepting on behalf of the After Stroke Group, Christine Williams said how much they appreciated the donation, especially as one of the members of the group had herself been involved in carnival for many years. She added that there were currently 23 people involved in the group, all with different types of stroke and the money would be used for treats and summer outings. The group offers a lot of rehabilitation exercises and things to make the brain work, as well as a social atmosphere for the victims of stroke and their carers.

The family of Chard murder victim Catherine Wells-Burr had been inspired to start their own



Carnival hands out profits



■ **GOOD CAUSES:** The Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton and carnival committee members present cheques to the family of Catherine Wells-Burr (top) and Chard Summer Show committee

foundation to help the families of other victims of murder and manslaughter by the help they had received from Victim Support, whilst undergoing the investigation of Catherine's death. Her mother, Jayne,

thanked the committee, adding: "Thank you for thinking of us and for thinking of families like us."

Chard Summer Show for horticulture and craft was revived last year and hailed a great success. A

committee has now been formed to keep it going as an annual event and the donation will do towards prize rosettes.

No representative from the cancer charity was able to attend.



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Food for thought in school canteen

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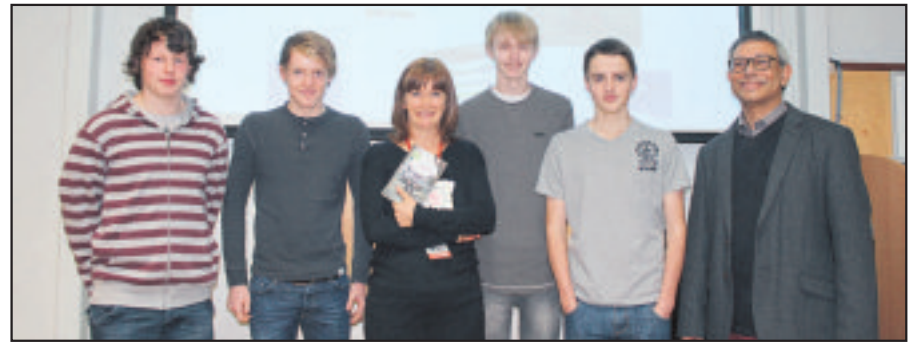
The School Council were asked to come up with a name for the canteen and two of the girls, Daisy Burrows and Amy Watson, came up with the same name "Food for Thought" and a logo. The girls were rewarded with a token for a free meal.

The menu has been re-designed to reduce prices and make the option of in-house meals more attractive to parents. The school has also been able to reintroduce hot food to their alternative beach hut dining room both at first and second break.

Pictured right, nine-year-old Daisy Burrows and ten-year-old Amy Watson with catering manager Paula Cobb. Below, Daniel gets a hot snack from the new Food for Thought canteen.



Top author at Wadham's literary festival



■ SHARING EXPERIENCE: Author Nell Leyshon with sixth formers and head of English Richard D'Rozario

AWARD-winning writer Nell Leyshon was the guest of honour at Wadham School this week when she kicked off their week-long literary festival to mark National Book Day on Thursday, March 3rd.

The Glastonbury born author and playwright spoke to the whole school in separate assemblies about her journey into writing.

Although she had not taken to other subjects at school and described herself as "incredibly rebellious" because of it, she did go back to study English literature when she was 27 and gained a First. She has been a professional writer for 19 years, written several novels and radio plays and, in 2010, became the first woman to write a play performed at the Globe Theatre.

Her novel "The Colour of Milk" was first published in 2012 and has now gone world-wide.

Ms Leyshon told the students: "For me, the main thing is the freedom to express the most deep parts of a person's personality and thoughts. Books make me see inside someone else's head, you can look at someone and get lots of external clues but you don't know what they are thinking."

She explained that she had spent a lot of time working with people who felt on the outside of society and didn't feel they had a voice; recovering drug addicts and gypsies who were often illiterate people with no access to reading and writing, and to whom writing was just black marks on a page with no meaning.

She read from her novel, which was about the power of

literacy and told of a young girl in the 1800s, brought up on a farm with no access to education and brutalised by her father. She then went to work at the vicarage, which was full of books and life was never the same again.

The author's passion for writing was infectious as she described the journey as being akin to that of a sports person or musician, in terms of the work that has to be put in to achieve the standard

She said: "Not everyone does running but everyone does writing and, because of social media, more young people are writing than ever before. It is the thing that articulates your inner voice and communicating your ideas may be more difficult talking face to face, which is why diaries and blogs can be more personal."

"For someone so rebellious at school, I had an incredibly high standard for myself and wanted to be published, not self-published. Once I was finally published I went back to three novels I had written, burnt them and started again because I knew what was wrong and what I needed to do to put it right."

After the assemblies, Ms Leyshon worked with small groups of students particularly interested in literature and writing. She said afterwards it was a lovely school with great students.

The school had inspirational posters spread around the site all week and held a literature quiz, speed Scrabble tournament and spelling bee as well as book readings by students and staff.

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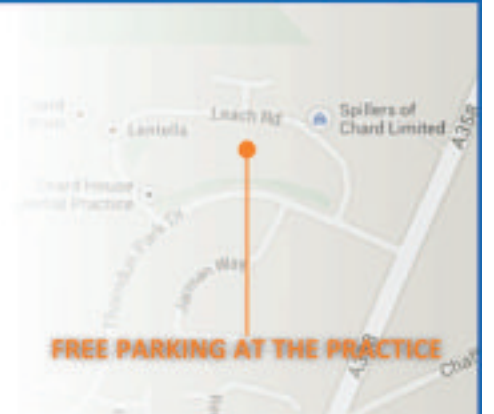


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Rotarian presents book trail prizes

PRESIDENT of the Rotary Club of Ilminster, Terry Bate, was on hand at a special weekly assembly at Greenfyld School in Ilminster last week to award certificates and prizes donated by the club at for a reading week book trail.

There were well over 100 entries for the trail, which took students to businesses around the town, and local shopkeepers commented on how lovely it was to see the children taking part.

Local councillor Linda Pig-gott-Vijeh, herself an Ilminster Rotarian and the county council's cabinet support member for children and families, said: "The vital link between charitable organisations, the local community and schools, is becoming increasingly important as funding sources continue to face significant ongoing cuts.

"The more we can do to work together to help in forging these relationships the better it is for us all. As a life long reader I will do all that I can to support such initiatives."

Headteacher Claire Oaten commented: "I would like to thank Ilminster Rotary for their sponsorship of our reading week. We wanted to help our children gain a lifelong love of

reading by holding events that would inspire and excite them about reading.

"Books are so special, allowing children to escape to far-away magical lands. Having the chance to share books has helped the children experience new stories and authors.

"The children really enjoyed the visit from Ilminster Rotary during our reading week, especially when they read to some of our children and brought every class a special present of a book to keep them reading after our theme week.

"As a school we appreciate the local support we receive and the reading week has been another fabulous opportunity to involve our children in their local community, where they were able to hunt for the books on display in shop windows around town."

Ilminster reading trail prize winners were as follows:

Early Years - 1st Joel Handscomb, 2nd Victor Knight, 3rd Grace Prouse; Key Stage 1 - 1st Alexander Park, 2nd Oliver Upshall, 3rd Sydney Loveless; Key stage 2 - 1st Jessica Ward, 2nd Carla Williams, 3rd Kiera Timson.



■ ALL SET FOR SPECIAL HOLIDAY: Ilminster Lions and members of 2nd Ilminster Brownies

Lions boost funds for Brownies trip to Brownsea Island camp

BROWNIES across the country are celebrating the centenary of their branch of the Girlguiding movement this year, under the theme "Past, Present and Future".

As part of the "Past" section, the 1st and 2nd Ilminster Brownies will be taking a trip to Brownsea Island in Poole harbour, a nature reserve where the very first campsite for the boy Scout movement in 1907 was based - the start of it all.

The Brownies are busy fundraising for their trip in May and, thanks to the

generosity of the Ilminster and District Lions Club, who recently presented them with £250, they are now closer to their target. The leaders were extremely grateful for such a generous donation.

In addition, the Ilminster Brownies have connected with a pack in Dundee with whom they are exchanging letters and news and in May, members of the Trefoil Guild of retired Guide leaders will be coming to talk to the youngsters about what it was like when they were Brownies.



■ WINNERS: Early Years and Key Stage 1 prizewinners Oliver Upshall, Victor Knight, Grace Prouse, Joel Handscomb and Alexander Park with Rotary president Terry Bate. Below, Key Stage 2 winners Jessica Ward, Carla Williams and Kiera Timson





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Runners Slay the Dragon at Hinton St George

By Marion Draper

HARDY runners of all abilities braved the gusty wind and rain on Sunday, March 2nd for the annual Slay the Dragon 10K run, which took them uphill and down dale around the village of Hinton St George.

Organised by parents as a fundraiser for the local school, the race, now in its seventh year, also includes the Dragon's Tail 4K and Baby Dragon 2K races for younger contestants, and offers a prize to the first man and woman, the first boy and girl in different age categories and a trophy for the top school overall which had been won by Haselbury for the last two years and was brought back home to Hinton this year.

■ **FIRST LADY:** Pictured left winner Charlotte Weedon. Below, Alfie Max, Godfrey Jaffe and Jack Pellow from Hinton First School



■ **DRAGONS HOARD:** Winners in all categories and, below, the race sets off



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Speed cameras to be switched back on

FIXED safety cameras will soon be switched back on in South Somerset after the county council agreed to sell the cameras to Avon and Somerset Constabulary for £1 each.

Last June, Chief Constable Nick Gargan commissioned a review of the constabulary's policy towards speed cameras and opened up new conversations with SCC to consider if fixed safety cameras could be reintroduced.

The chief constable and the council have now agreed the police will take responsibility and ownership of the cameras and operate them on the highway network on the proviso that no costs are incurred by the county council.

Somerset County Council's cabinet member with responsibility for highways, Councillor Harvey Siggs, said: "We will continue to work closely with the police to improve highway safety and reduce traffic speeds at known road casualty sites. The police have agreed to take full

responsibility for the cost and maintenance of the fixed safety cameras and will enforce all speeding offences, and we support them in their decision."

Superintendent Ian Smith said: "We are pleased that plans to reinstate static speed cameras in Somerset have moved a step closer. We are keen to reinstate fixed cameras in Somerset as soon as possible and we will promote the activation when it happens.

"The ongoing work we have undertaken with our partners to reinstate static speed cameras in the force area is based on national research showing that cameras add value to road safety. There is also more than £2million worth of camera infrastructure currently lying dormant on the roadsides in the force area. We believe that the static cameras can be operated in a cost-neutral way and that reactivating them for use alongside our mobile camera vans will help in making our roads safer"

Beware rogue carpet cleaners

DEVON and Somerset Trading Standards are warning residents to be aware of unscrupulous traders offering carpet cleaning services, following complaints from concerned local consumers.

The traders normally make initial contact by telephone, offering to clean carpets for a low or special price, often around £20 per room. A card then arrives with a date for when the work will be carried out.

However, Trading Standards officers said that this just "a foot in the door", and once in the house, the trader will say that they have found additional problems such as moth infestation, or suggest a more intensive cleaning at much higher price. In some cases, these charges have been reported to have risen to as much as £4,000.

Devon and Somerset County Councils, which are responsible for the trading standards service, are concerned that the visits put unwanted pressure on householders, who may then agree to work that they do not really want.

Steve Gardiner of Devon and Somerset

Trading Standards, commented: "Do not be tempted to agree to work offered through an unsolicited telephone call of this nature. Reputable traders should not give a price over the phone, without first carrying out an inspection. It's always a good idea to get two or three quotes for any work you intend to carry out to your property, including carpet cleaning, to ensure that any price you agree to is fair and reasonable.

"Use local firms with good reputations. Ask friends and family for recommendations, or use a 'Buy With Confidence' member, which are trades audited by Trading Standards that have agreed to trade fairly and honestly."

To find a local business, visit the Buy With Confidence website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk, or telephone 01823 357261 for a list of members. For further pre-shopping advice, or to report a potential rogue trader, please contact the Citizen's Advice Consumer Helpline on 08454 04 05 06.

No increase in council tax

SOUTH Somerset District Council has agreed to freeze its share of council tax for South Somerset residents for the fourth year in a row. The budget includes a £100,000 fund to help residents on the levels and moors affected by the floods.

There is also a further £1.2 million towards affordable homes; no increases to car parking charges; no closures of council-run facilities;

no reduction in council services to the public and a £1 million additional investment towards infrastructure and economic growth in South Somerset.

Politicians from all political parties were united in supporting the budget and were unanimous in voting the proposed revenue budget for 2014/15 and also the Council Tax setting for 2014/15.

Councillor leader, Ric Pallister,

said: "I am extremely pleased that we have been able to generate the savings needed to balance the books without any impact on the services that matter most to the residents of South Somerset and without the need to raise Council Tax. A great deal of hard work by all the staff at the council has made this possible and despite severe financial pressures facing us in the coming years, our financial

situation is sound and we are well prepared to meet those challenges. By generating savings through greater internal efficiencies, we have also enabled additional investment in our economy and housing to meet local need. All in all this is a very good budget that has maintained services and not required us to make any new financial demands on the pockets of local people".

It's all Greek to us!

CHILDREN of year three and four at Hinton St George Church of England First School were transported to Ancient Greece for an all day topic last week. They made a fantastic effort with their costumes and divided into small groups to enjoy themed tasks and activities.

On one table they were making clay pots, another table were learning the Greek alphabet and how it related to modern English, others were making a map of Europe or being archeologists and putting together the pieces of a Grecian urn, while laptops were used to access information about the Olympic Games and the theatre.

The children also took in items of Greek food to enjoy a shared feast at lunchtime.



DRESSING THE PART: Pupils enjoying Ancient Greek day



ARCHEOLOGY: Cutting out pot shards to piece together



ANCIENT CRAFT: Making clay pots

Romantic tunes boost festival fund

HINTON Festival funds were given a boost when an evening of songs by Cole Porter and George Gershwin was presented to 60 guests at a private home in Brettingham Court, Hinton St George.

The music was performed by internationally renowned mezzo-soprano Louise Innes and well-known local pianist Mike Denham.

Canapés and wine were served to the guests during the interval. The evening was organised by Hinton St George Festival Committee whose chairman, Les Farris, commented: "The event went ahead despite a raging storm battering the village in probably the most severe weather of the winter to date. Everyone thoroughly enjoying terrific music from the inter-war era brilliantly performed in the setting of a beautiful private home.

"To cap it all, festival funds benefitted to a significant degree as we approach the eighth biennial Hinton St. George Festival week in June. We are extremely grateful to Robin and Julie Kennedy for hosting the event".



PORTER AND GERSHWIN: Performers Louise Innes and Mike Denham at Brettingham Court

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Celebrating 25 years in the butchery trade

AXMINSTER-based Complete Meats are celebrating 25 years in business - and rewarding the customers for their loyalty.

Having opened their first shop in 1988, owners Shaun and Cindy Vining have established one of the most successful, and respected businesses in the butchery trade with hundreds of customers in the South West.

Now with shops in Axminster, Honiton and Chard and a cutting plant at Millwey Rise, Complete Meats has established a customer base that recognises quality, provenance and service which cannot be matched by supermarkets.

And as a reward, customers are able to take advantage of a 25 per cent discount on offer this coming weekend as well as a free new-style life-long jute bag with purchases over £25 in special offer days.

Shaun, who hails from Somerset and was considering a career path in farming, decided to go into the meat trade after spending some holiday time with his uncle, who was a successful butcher, and taking a Saturday morning job.

His father advised him that if he wanted to be a butcher he should do it properly which took Shaun to the college at Smithfield Market in London for three years to obtain the necessary qualifications, gaining experience of all facets of the business.

With a college friend, Shaun then decided to spend a year touring the world to gain more practical experience visiting America, New Zealand, the Far East and

BUSINESS PROFILE

by Philip Evans

Australia where he gained valuable knowledge with a massive wholesaler.

On returning home Shaun secured a position with Tesco as a quality control supervisor at their distribution centres, a position which could have led to a lucrative career with the supermarket giant.

But encouraged by his father, he had ambitions to run his own business and started looking around for a suitable butchers to acquire. His original intention was to carry on working for Tesco with his college friend running their butchery business.

After looking at a number of options in 1988 Shaun acquired C. Snell, the butcher's shop on the corner of South Street and Silver Street in Axminster by John Richards. Shaun quickly realised, however, that he had to be hands-on in his own business and gave up his Tesco job.

Starting with two staff - Colin and Cyril Richards who many Axminster residents will remember, - they re-vamped the shop and Complete Meats was born. Recently married, Shaun's wife Cindy soon joined the business and a bakery and deli sections were added to the range available at Complete Meats with the emphasis on sourcing local products.

Following the birth of two boys and a girl, Shaun and

Cindy decided to build Complete Meats into a family business and the first step was to open a second Complete Meats shop in Honiton.

The new premises in High Street opened just before the 2001 foot and mouth epidemic, at a time when cattle were being slaughtered and burnt in East Devon and many people were avoiding eating beef. But Shaun and his team persevered, survived the crisis that was sending shockwaves through the farming community and established the Honiton shop as an important part of the business.

The Honiton outlet was being serviced out of the back of the Axminster shop and Shaun and Cindy took the bold decision to expand further by opening their own licensed cutting plant after purchasing a site on the Millwey Rise industrial estate. They moved into the purpose-built factory in 2005 and started providing a service for the catering business.

At the same time it was decided to refurbish the South Street shop to demonstrate a commitment to Axminster town centre following the significant investment in the Millwey factory.

To start with Shaun concentrated on selling the services of the cutting plant and a third shop in Chard High Street was opened in 2007 to provide the factory with more volume.

The success of the business was further enhanced by the appointment of two dedicated sales staff to cover the whole of the West Country supplying a wide range of clients, including the National Health Service, colleges, hotels and bed and breakfast establishments, public houses, restaurants and cafes and schools. They also serve a limited number of outlets in London.

The wholesale butchery business is very competitive but Shaun and his team have established Complete Meats as one of the key players in the South West, employing 60 people.

The development of the business continues with an extension to the factory which should be completed next month to enable the business to offer more products, and there are also plans to launch an online shop to be able to provide a national service.

Shaun has won nationwide publicity for Complete Meats by his successes in product competitions. He started entering competitions many years ago to benchmark his products against what the experts and judges expected.

Shaun takes up the story: "We had success early on with Gold Awards but I wanted to really be able to



■ MASTER BUTCHER Shaun Vining with a selection of products available from his three shops

shout about my products by winning not just a category but best overall product. I really listened to the judges' comments; it turned out it is very often only 1 point that makes the difference and 99 out of a 100 is not good enough.

"I have since gone on to win many awards for Complete Meats which I am very proud of, but more importantly our customers love Complete Meats sausages!

"Last year I was invited to be a judge myself at the launch of British Sausage Week in Smithfield Market in London which was a real honour."

The success that Complete Meats have achieved in product competitions can be seen by the number of certificates and photographs proudly displayed in their offices with Shaun receiving awards from a number of well known faces, including cricket umpire Dickie Bird, rock musician Nobby Holder and comedian Al Murray.

Throughout the 25 years Shaun and Cindy have been building one of the most successful butchery business in the South West, they have always concentrated on buying quality products, sourced locally where possible.

All products stocked in the three shops come from local farms and customers can see the source of the meat they are purchasing on blackboards. But for the catering industry they have to go further afield to remain competitive.

Twenty five years down the line, Shaun and Cindy can only wonder how quickly those years have passed. It's too soon to know whether one or any of their children will join Complete Meats - but they have certainly built a business of which any family would be proud.



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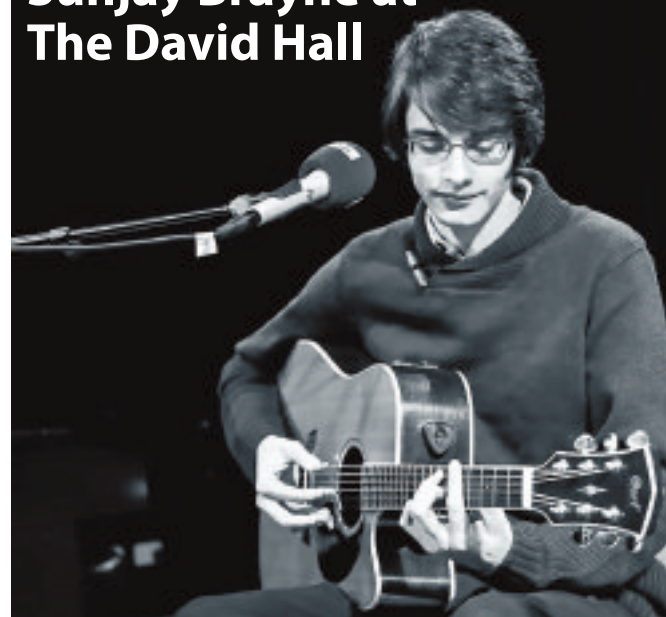
Lydia Scadding is an accomplished pianist, she has performed in the Bath and Cheltenham International Music Festivals, and in venues such as Symphony Hall Birmingham, St. Georges Bristol, and The Sage Gateshead. She is currently an accompanist and teacher at Wells Cathedral School.

The concert takes place at All Saints Church, Merriott at 3:30pm on Sunday, March 30th (A Mothering Sunday Treat) Refreshments available at 3pm.

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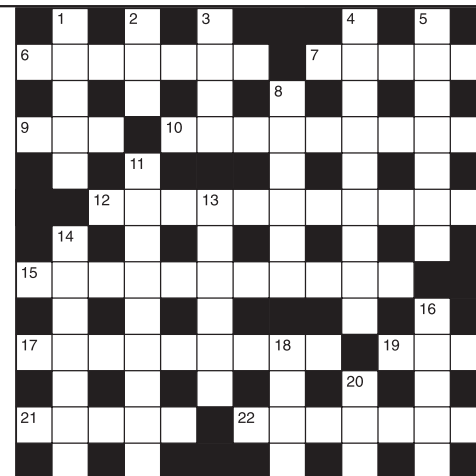
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

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| Across | Down |
| 6. He doesn't give much away (7) | 1. Seeing sense (5) |
| 7. Let in or out (5) | 2. Get on in stages (3) |
| 9. It became yours (3) | 3. Decline and fall (4) |
| 10. Possibly ample here, but it doesn't last long (9) | 4. Unemployed crew with mischievous potentialities (4,5) |
| 12. Are those on it making an empty protest? (6,5) | 5. Cafe and an inn combine somehow to make money (7) |
| 15. Flighty artist's model (7,4) | 8. Moving spirit (6) |
| 17. Such speed could be fatal (9) | 11. It circulates records (9) |
| 19. Margaret shortly turned to stone (3) | 13. Vegetables on the course (6) |
| 21. Polar story heard too often? (5) | 14. Render an account (7) |
| | 16. Opted to change a storehouse (5) |
| | 18. Meat axe (4) |
| | 20. A current recession course (3,4) |



Quick Clues:

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Across | Down |
| 6. Incapacitate (7) | 1. Essential (5) |
| 7. Postpone (5) | 2. Prohibit (3) |
| 9. Non-professional (3) | 3. Scheme (4) |
| 10. Unremitting (9) | 4. Stupid (9) |
| 12. Stamp collector (11) | 5. Sorrow (7) |
| 15. Dispute (11) | 8. Determine (6) |
| 17. Sycophant (9) | 11. Stimulant (9) |
| 19. Artful (3) | 13. Slacken (6) |
| 21. Pretence (5) | 14. Big rock (7) |
| 22. Free (7) | 16. Embrace (5) |
| | 18. Regular (4) |
| | 20. Wager (3) |

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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| 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| 3 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 2 |

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Hunting season; 8 Continue; 9 Deed; 10 Weasel; 12 Ordeal; 14 Anklet; 16 Damson; 18 Aria; 20 Generate; 22 High and mighty. Down: 1 European; 2 States; 3 Anon; 4 Asteroid; 5 Raided; 6 Bole; 11 Litigant; 13 Apostate; 15 Loathe; 17 Mirage; 19 Rail; 21 Name. QUICK - Across: 7 Indispensable; 8 Dispense; 9 Room; 10 Caress; 12 Talent; 14 Recess; 16 Remote; 18 Chic; 20 Effusive; 22 Dispassionate. Down: 1 Indicate; 2 Simple; 3 Open; 4 Ancestor; 5 Barrel; 6 Also; 11 Suspense; 13 Nativity; 15 Escape; 17 Musing; 19 Hall; 21 Fair.

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Jackson Live In Concert celebrates the King of Pop

JACKSON Live in Concert sees long-time fan and hugely talented Ben recreate the Michael Jackson experience with a mesmerising, energetic and dynamic performance that captures the essence and magic of the "King of Pop" live on stage.

Ben says "From as far into my childhood as I can remember, I have always been obsessed with Michael Jackson. Everything about the King of Pop mesmerized and enchanted me. I used to spend hours pouring over album covers, photographs, interviews, videos and anything I could find that was about Michael. Even my 7th birthday party was Michael Jackson themed! I always loved to dance and began copying Michael's signature moves as I dreamt of being a performer just like him"

Ben's portrayal of Michael Jackson has to be the most vocally and visually accurate tribute to the King of Pop to have ever toured UK theatres. Ben is joined on the stage by his incredible live band and amazing dancers who work their way through all of MJ's hits with impeccable precision. Ben's got the look, the moonwalk and the voice and his renditions of 'Thriller', 'Beat it' and 'Billie Jean' are truly sensational.

This is it! This is as real as it gets. Jackson Live in Concert is so much more than just a tribute show - this will be a performance and an event that audiences who witness it will remember forever.

Jackson Live in Concert starring BEN and his live band and dancers perform at Octagon Theatre, Yeovil on Saturday, March 29th at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £16.00 and £14.50, and are available by calling 01935 422884



Popular Folk Group Freshly Ground at Whitelackington

FOLLOWING very successful performances at Cheltenham Folk Festival in February, the twelve members of Freshly Ground are coming to Whitelackington Village Hall to perform unaccompanied traditional English folk songs in glorious harmony. The group combine the talent and experience of some of the south-west's best known folk singers who have come together to sing a varied programme of songs. Some of these will be well-known, some with humour, some with solos and some self-penned by the group's instigator, Issy Emeney. She has a natural gift for composing and today her reputation is well-established - songs with beautiful melodies, captivating stories and a distinctly traditional influence are her trademark. She writes the arrangements for the group, but the songs evolve in the creative hands of all its members.

On this occasion Freshly Ground will be performing numbers from their newly released CD, the Good Red Earth, produced by Wild Goose records, which has had very good reviews.

The programme on Sunday 16 March at Whitelackington starts at 7.30pm. Tickets priced at £7 are available from 01404 861256



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Theatre group present a fascinating story of social change

TIME and Tide Theatre Group present a fascinating story of social change in the nineteenth century told through music, drama and poetry, at Ilminster Arts Centre TONIGHT (Friday, March 7th).

Two Nations tells the tale of the artisan and the land he is part of; of his world, in harmony with the rhythms of tradition and horse, shattered by the wheels of progress that forge a brave new world. Machines and commerce defy natural time and season so, to survive, the divided nation – rich and poor, skilled and labourer, unfortunate or blessed – must work together, and weave a new world from the old to create a common future for all.

Drawing on the observations of William Cobbett (Rural Rides 1826-8), Benjamin Disraeli (Sybil 1848), Rolf Gardiner (Land Husbandry 1971) and others, the action follows the journey of Everyman from the pastoral 'idyll',

to industrial inferno and through upheavals of war. Performers weave threads of triumph and tragedy, love and laughter, using narration, cameo, instrument and voice. They create a tapestry using the voices of the diarists and commentators, and songs and tunes from the Hammond Collection of Folk Songs that will engage, move and entertain.

They will show you what others did not see, hear what others did not hear and understand what others did not wish to know.

Time and Tide Theatre Group perform *Two Nations* at TONIGHT (Friday, March 7th) at 8pm at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House. Tickets cost £10, and a pre-show supper costs £11 but must be booked in advance. To book tickets please call the Box Office on 01460 54973.

Duet For One at Warehouse Theatre

DUET for One is based on the life of renowned British cellist Jacqueline du Pré. She is particularly associated with Elgar's Cello Concerto in E Minor, her interpretation of which has been described as "definitive" and "legendary". Her career was cut short by multiple sclerosis, which forced her to stop performing at the age of 28, and led to her premature death. Posthumously, she was the subject of a film entitled "Hilary and Jackie" (based on her siblings' memoir, *A Genius in the Family*).

Duet for One tells the story of a virtuoso violinist, Stephanie Abra-

hams, who has had her career brought to a staggering halt by the onset of multiple sclerosis, which also threatens her marriage. Already in a wheelchair, Stephanie is advised – against her will – to consult with a psychiatrist by her concerned husband. The play is structured as sessions between Abrahams and her German shrink, Dr Feldmann – a man who shares her passionate love of music. Their exchanges build to become a battle of wills, during which Stephanie tries to cope with her illness and its effect on her life.

This immensely moving play won the London Theatre Critics Award for best play of 1980, and still packs an emotional punch, with the relationship between doctor and patient creating a satisfying and absorbing narrative.

Duet For One will be performed at The Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster from April 2nd - 5th, at 7.30pm each night. Tickets cost £8.50, £7.50 OAP, £7 child/student, and are available from Lanes Garden Shop or by calling 07943 779880.

Programme announced for the 8th Hinton St George Festival in June

THIS week sees the release of the programme for the well-established, week-long festival of music in the village of Hinton St. George in south Somerset. The festival, held in alternate years and originally planned as a one-off to celebrate the millennium in 2000, has gone from strength to strength attracting musicians of national and international renown. It will be held as usual during the first week in June – from Tuesday, June 3rd to Saturday 7th inclusive.

Announcing the series of evening concerts to be held in the Grade 1 listed church in Hinton St. George, Festival chairman Les Farris said: "The Festival committee is pleased to confirm that, yet again, a series of performances has been arranged by musicians from very different traditions who share one particular quality, they are amongst the finest in their respective fields."

A band with a difference starts the week with a high energy programme of New Orleans-style jazz played on brass instruments and drums. The Brass Volcanoes are widely considered to be the leading trad. jazz band in London. Wednesday sees the return of the ever-popular Young Musicians Evening when children and young people from the area have an opportunity to develop their experience by demonstrating their skills before a paying audience.

On Thursday a delightful evening of music for the flute and harp will be presented by Sarah Bennington and Fontane Liang with pieces by, amongst others, Bach and Mozart. Sarah and Fontane have between them an impressive record of appearances with leading orchestras at home and abroad. Teasing the Cat, a band playing traditional music from the UK and elsewhere, make a welcome return on Friday after appearing at our inaugural Festival in 2000. The six talented musicians play an astonishing range of instruments between them and the

theme of their concert is A Band for All Seasons. A thoroughly enjoyable evening is promised.

The Festival climaxes on Saturday evening with a baroque ensemble from the Midlands making a rare visit to the West Country. The eight musicians of Fiori Musicali will play well-loved concertos by Vivaldi, Handel and Bach. Established thirty years ago, this critically-acclaimed ensemble is one of the principal providers of baroque music outside of London.

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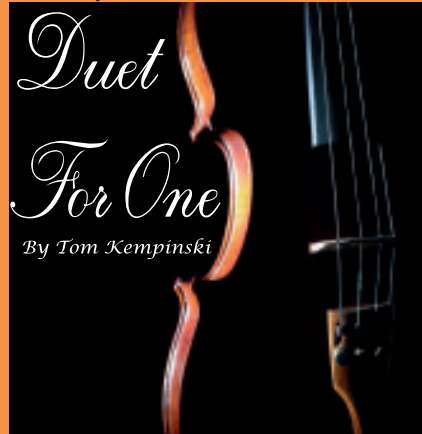
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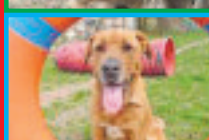
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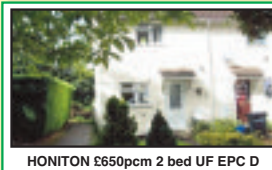
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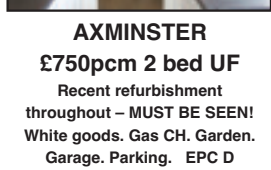
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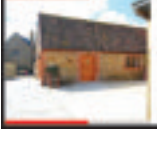


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The new 1.5 dCi Qashqai's CO2 low emissions of 99g/km means it falls into one of the lowest company car tax bands of just 14 per cent BIK for the 2013/2014 financial year and costs nothing in Vehicle Excise Duty (VED). For what's expected to be the most popular fleet model, the new 1.5dCi Acenta Premium with a £18,863 P11D, this means the 20 per cent tax payer will pay just £53 tax per month, while those on the 40 per cent rate will pay £106.

As well as this low monthly tax, the next generation Qashqai will cost less to service and be worth more after a typical three year lease period too.

A reduction in parts costs and labour hours required means the new 1.5 dCi Acenta Premium will enjoy a 20 per cent fall in SMR costs across 36 months/30,000 miles* against the outgoing comparable 1.5 dCi Acenta.

This reduction in total cost of ownership is completed with the recent news that the new Nissan Qashqai will retain 50 per cent of its value after three years/30,000

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The new Qashqai also brings added peace of mind for drivers and fleet managers thanks to the introduction of an array of safety technology.

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It's not just range-topping models that benefit

though. Visia and Acenta models benefit from the optional Smart Vision Pack (£450), which comes with Front Collision Avoidance, Lane Departure Warning, front and rear parking sensors and Traffic Sign Recognition.

Barry Beeston, Nissan GB corporate sales director, said: "Prospective company car drivers can look forward to huge savings thanks to the low BIK on the new Qashqai and environmental peace of mind with the ultra-low emissions. With the extra safety features and lower SMR costs, businesses can be assured their employees will be at the wheel of one of the safest and most reliable cars on sale in 2014."



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New Nissan Juke: Designed To Thrill

WHEN it arrived a little more than three years ago, the Nissan Juke used innovation to create a whole new market segment. Just as the Nissan Qashqai pioneered the original crossover market, the Juke used dramatic design and advanced technology to break new ground in a more compact crossover package.

The Juke's combination of highly individual styling, strong driving dynamics and sophisticated interior equipment has allowed it storm from zero to 420,000 sales in less than 40 months, easily eclipsing its rivals.

Now, following Nissan's established practice of constant development comes the next chapter in the Juke story. Establishing itself as the original stand-out model in the growing small crossover market with premium style and refinement, the new Juke is ready to once again stamp its authority on the segment it created.

Already recognised as the design trend-setter, the new Juke benefits from a series of design enhancements, new engines, new equipment and a wide-ranging personalisation programme.

Among the changes are a new design at the front and rear with greater emphasis on both premium refinement and sporty design cues; a new downsized 1.2-litre turbocharged engine offering greater performance, economy and lower emissions; a revised 1.6-litre DIG-T engine; improved four-wheel drive with Torque Vectoring System; new alloy wheels; advanced equipment including a new audio system, the latest generation NissanConnect driver-vehicle interface, Nissan Safety Shield, Nissan's Dynamic Control system, plus the option of a new opening glass roof.

Revisions in the luggage area have increased space by 40 per cent in two-wheel drive versions up to 354L,



▲ The New Nissan Juke

while there's even greater opportunity for owners to really stamp their own personality on their Juke. A range of new colours and interior themes are available with a number of different personalisation packs.

The changes and range additions will accelerate the growth of Nissan's second most popular model in Europe, helping it to emulate the remarkable achievements of its big brother Qashqai.

Juke is the best seller in the premium B-segment, outperforming all direct competitors including those from the top German brands. And it's not just the entry-level models which have helped Juke to the top: the best selling engine to date has been the 1.6-litre petrol unit while the top Tekna grade accounts for more than one third of all sales.

Buyers have also been attracted by a strong range of special versions - notably the advanced n-t-e-c models

- and the Kuro and Ministry of Sound limited editions, while the sports oriented Nismo has added driving thrills as well as breadth to the range.

On its way to a total of 420,000 sales, Juke has achieved 135,000 sales in 2013 with its popular set to increase with the introduction of the new version. All Juke models sold in Europe are built in Europe, at Nissan's highly productive plant in Sunderland, UK where three shifts per day are needed to cope with demand.

Significantly for Nissan, Juke has attracted a huge number of buyers new to the brand. As much as 85 per cent of sales have been to first-time Nissan owners, not only making it the highest conquest model in the Nissan range but a model that comfortably outperforms the B-segment average with many of those new buyers downsizing from larger cars.

"We stunned the industry with Qashqai, the original crossover, and we've done it again with Juke. If anything, Juke is even more daring and different than Qashqai and appeals to a younger, more out-going audience.

"The changes we have made to new Juke will extend that appeal even further to cement Nissan's position as the leading brand in the crossover market," said Guillaume Cartier, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing for Nissan in Europe.

New Juke will go on sale across Europe in the summer, 2014

One in Ten Motorists think an MOT Is optional

NEW research from Kwik Fit1 reveals a number of worrying motoring misconceptions, with 3.4 million (9%) drivers admitting they were not aware that a MoT certificate was a legal requirement for cars over three years old in the UK.

The study highlighted similarly widespread levels of ignorance with regards to other motoring obligations, with 9% of drivers admitting they didn't realise car insurance was compulsory and 10% saying the same about a valid tax disc.

While some drivers are unaware of which items are legal requirements, other motorists think regulations are stricter than they are in reality. As part of the study, Kwik Fit questioned motorists about the need to service their car annually and found that a fifth (20%) incorrectly believed this was a legal obligation. A further 46% mistakenly thought that the law required them to carry a spare tyre in the UK and 18% incorrectly said the same about an emergency warning triangle.

The research also uncovered confusion amongst motorists as to what checks are included in an MoT, raising concerns that millions of drivers could be relying on this test to ensure the safety of items that are not part of the checklist. Around 40% of motorists said they expected their car's oil levels to be checked as part of an MoT and 38% expected their battery condition to be assessed. The same applies to air filters (30%), brake fluid (58%) and even cleanliness (5%).

Roger Griggs, director of communications at Kwik Fit, commented: "This widespread confusion amongst mo-

torists is alarming and raises real concerns over driver safety and compliance with the law. It's vital that car owners don't rely entirely on an MoT test for vehicle maintenance, as servicing is a fundamental part of maintaining both the safety and value of a vehicle, even though it isn't a legal requirement.

"Our advice to motorists is to make sure they get the basics right, which include insurance, MoT, servicing and tax, as these are essential for keeping a vehicle safe and legal."

Of those questioned in Kwik Fit's survey, 7% - equivalent to 2.6 million motorists - admitted to having driven without a valid MoT certificate in the past and 21% say they have attempted to try and fix vehicle faults and damages themselves to ensure their car would pass its MoT test.

Ignorance surrounding what is or is not mandatory for driving in the UK was most prevalent amongst younger drivers, with 15% of those aged 18 - 24 saying they thought a tax disc was optional and 15% saying the same about insurance. A third (33%) of these young drivers also said they thought an annual service was compulsory.

Kwik Fit carries out more MOT tests in the UK than any other company, with MOTs being provided at 512 of its centres. March is the second busiest month of the year for MOTs, and Kwik Fit centres provide appointments seven days a week to ensure car owners can obtain an appointment at a convenient time for them. Motorists can find more information or book an appointment at www.kwik-fit.com.

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sailing sutton bingham

Ideal conditions

AFTER the raging storms and torrential rain of late who would have thought that the 25 crews in the recent Sutton Bingham Spring Warm-Up event on Sunday, February 16th would be greeted by a beautiful sunny day with a mirror-like lake.

Right on cue the breeze came in from the south in time for the 11.30am first race start, and the 8-10 knot wind prevailed throughout the day providing fabulous sailing.

Castle Cove visitors Sam Pascoe and Alex Adams in their Merlin Rocket and Kevin Francis and Phillip Male in an Osprey, battled it out at the front of the fleet in all three races, the Merlin coming out on top on each occasion to take overall honours, with the Osprey finishing 3rd on handicap.

Lyme Regis Albacore sailed by Lily Helston and Jerry Rook were never far adrift of the leaders and finished 4th overall. Sutton Bingham Club Champion, Howard Frear, sailing his Streaker dinghy performed well too finishing 2nd overall with two 2nd places on handicap.

The three Sutton Bingham Solo sailors, Richard Frost, Andy Roxborough and Adrian Neal had a good tussle in every race with Frost coming out on top to take 5th overall. Top Laser was Rob Jaimieson in 8th overall, whilst club junior Andrew Frost in his RS Tera Pro had an outstanding second race with a 3rd place to finish 7th overall.

The Spring Warm-Up also formed part of two inter-club events; the recently revived Banbury Chaser between Sutton Bingham and Lyme Regis and a three-club challenge including Castle Cove.

Points of the top three boats from each club were tallied up and club commodore Alan Chinn was pleased to award Sutton Bingham the Banbury Chaser and announce that they had also won the first leg of three-club challenge.

The team results were; 1st Sutton Bingham 14 pts (2,5,7); 2nd Castle Cove 17 pts (1,3,13) and 3rd Lyme Regis 20 points (4,6,10).

ROCKETING HOME: Sam Pascoe and Alex Adams win the first meeting of the season in their Merlin Rocket
Photo by IAN JAY



Chard in national finals



AFTER competing in the recent Independent Schools Association regional football tournament at Plymouth Argyle Stadium, the Chard School football team has made it through to the Independent Schools Association national football tournament next Friday (March 14th) at The Dixie Grammar School, Market Bosworth, Leicestershire.

In the regional competition the boys finished fourth overall whilst playing in torrential rain and gale force winds.

Chard School's PE Teacher Miss Taswell said: "The boys played their matches with enthusiasm, determination and skill. I am so proud of the team and this wonderful achievement."

jack high bowls news

Triples going to the wire

ILMINSTER with Des Maull
LAST Saturday Ilminster entertained **North Petherton BC** in a two-rink mixed Somerset & Devon League match.

On the day the visitors played very well winning on both rinks and by 44 shots to 32.

Details: Val Dargue, Arthur Callaghan, Cyril Cox and Mike King 16 K Squires 20; Des Maull, Helen Collins, Peter Patmore and Lawrence Symes 16 P Howard 24.

In the club's domestic indoor competitions so far three teams are through to the semi-finals in the **Hector Hutchings Mixed Triples**.

Quarter Final Results: Colin Osborne, Ian Dunford and David Pugh 17, Cliff Whelan, Dot Whelan and Roy Orme 17 Ann Rowe, Maurice Rowe and Neil Rowe 11; Will Anderson, John Ridout and Peter Mattravers 20 Lyn Williams, Andy Williams and Ian Lightfoot 8.

Dot & Cliff Whelan are through to the semi-finals of the **four-wood mixed pairs** after beating Val Dargue & Roy Orme;

They will be joined by Natalie & Tony Peterson who beat Ann & Neil

Rowe (after the extra end) and BevBrister & June Checketts who defeated Heather Grinter & Will Anderson.

MERRIOTT with Anne Weeks
MERRIOTT Canaries played a very tight game in the **Milford & Dormer League Mixed Triples League** against The Greyhounds, going into the final end with a four-point lead.

It was very tense as no player achieved good placements and although the Greyhounds skip tried very hard to snatch a win he was only able to reduce the deficit by three shots, leaving the Canaries 12-11 winners.

CHARD with Sandra Sumpter
LAST Tuesday Chard played a friendly against **South Petherton**. Despite each team winning two games Chard won by 50 points to 38.

In the week's **Milford & Dormer Mixed Triples League** Royals were up against Magpies. This was a very close game with the lead changing four times.

On the last end Magpies needed three to draw and four to win but only managed one so Royals took

the day 14-12.

Greyhounds made a strong start against the Canaries but after 10 ends the score was 8-8. Going into the last end Greyhounds needed five to win. They did well but only managed three so Canaries took the match 12-11.

In the final match Harlequins were against Hurricanes. The final score belied some good play by Harlequins.

Some ends were very tight but Harlequins always managed to end up on top and won match 20-9.

Next week brings the last of the original scheduled games, with the following three weeks for the rearranged games.

Harlequins must win their last game to stay in the running for the title. But Royals could well spoil it for them, as they have two games in hand.

| M & D table | Pld | Pts |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Harlequins | 19 | 24 |
| Royals | 17 | 24 |
| Greyhounds | 18 | 19 |
| Magpies | 16 | 15 |
| Canaries | 18 | 12 |
| Hurricanes | 17 | 10 |

swimming chard & district

Success at Club's Second Gala of the Year

CHARD Swimming Club held their second Club Gala of the year last week, with 70 excited swimmers between the ages 6-16 taking part writes Megan Voysey.

The event took place at the virtually chlorine free Flamingo Pool in Axminster, where many different classes for both children and adults are run, including swimming lessons and aqua-fit (telephone Flamingo Pool on 01297 35800 for more information).

Some amazing swims at the Gala meant many achieved new personal best times and Tom Simpson, 13 gained his silver speed badge in the 50m freestyle, for swimming under 36 seconds for the first time.

There were also 50 Somerset County qualifying times achieved at the Gala. Well done to our two Swimmers of the month Lewis Pearson 14, and Imogen Waterhouse 12, for achieving the most progress points in our January gala.

Full Gala Results 8 & Under Events

Boys 25m Free: 1st Finlay Downes, Girls 25m Back: 1st Esme Huntley, 2nd Alice Clark, 3rd Catherine Webb, Girls 25m Breast: 1st Kaitlyn Flannigan, 2nd Esme Huntley, 3rd Alice Clark.

Girls 50 Butterfly

Open: 1st Melissa Hanson, 2nd Tessa Down, 3rd Mollie Simpson, 13/14 Years: 1st Grace Haskins, 2nd Jasmine Voysey, 3rd Jess Fowler, 12

Years: 1st Megan Herbert, 2nd Xanthe Dyer, 3rd Daisy Brett, 11 Years: 1st Eden McDonald, 2nd Phoebe Clark, 10 Years: 1st Abi Greenslade, 2nd Millie Downes, 3rd Mia Huntley, 9 Years: 1st Grace Lambert, 2nd Jasmine McAuley.

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Boys 100 Breaststroke

Open: 1st Paul Harrison, 2nd Jamie Pullinger, 3rd Jay Kindred, 13/14 Years: 1st Leo Kindred, 2nd Henry Taswell, 3rd Simon Davis, 12 Years: 1st Joss Copeman, 2nd Oliver Bright, 3rd Oliver Rodger, 11 Years: 1st Jamie Porter, 2nd Louis Rood, 3rd William Hawkins, 10 Years: 1st Louis Whittome, 2nd Cole Dickinson, 3rd Joe Shrubbs, 9 Years: 1st Freddie Coles

Boys 200 Indiv Medley

Open: 1st Joe Spurway, 2nd Lewis Pearson, 3rd Paul Harrison, 13/14 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 2nd Leo Kindred, 3rd Simon Davis, 12 Years: 1st Joss Copeman, 2nd Oliver Bright, 11 Years: 1st 1st Louis Rood, 2nd Jamie Porter, 3rd Daniel Humphreys, 10 Years: 1st 1st Cole Dickinson, 2nd Jimmy Brett, 3rd Niall Beauchamp. Girls Novice 25m 1st Catherine Webb, 2nd Esme Huntley, 3rd Mia Porter

Girls Novice 50m, 1st Daisy Brett, 2nd Megan Herbert, 3rd Imogen Waterhouse Boys Novice 25m 1st Sebastian Madge, 2nd Finlay Downes

Boys Novice 50m 1st Tom Simpson, 2nd Oliver Bright, 3rd Sam Platten.

SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH: Lewis Pearson and Imogen Waterhouse.



Boys 50 Backstroke

Open: 1st Oliver Bilbie, 2nd Joe Spurway, 3rd Lewis Pearson, 13/14 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 2nd Ben Greenslade, 3rd Leo Kindred, 12 Years: 1st Joss Copeman, 2nd Oliver Parry Leshon, 11 Years: 1st Louis Rood, 2nd Jamie Porter, 3rd William Hawkins, 10 Years: 1st Jimmy Brett, 2nd Cole Dickinson 3rd Louis Whittome, 9 Years: 1st Lyndon Smith, 2nd Sebastian Madge.

Girls 200 Freestyle

Open: 1st Melissa Hanson, 2nd Tessa Down, 3rd Lauren

ana Barrand, 9 Years: 1st Grace Lambert, 2nd Mia Porter, 3rd Jasmine McAuley.

Boys 200 Butterfly

Open: 1st Joe Spurway, 2nd Iain Ross, 13/14 Years: 1st Henry Taswell, 12 Years: 1st Joss Copeman, 2nd Oliver Bright, 11 Years: 1st Benjamin Webb, 10 Years: 1st Cole Dickinson.

Girls 100 Backstroke

Open: 1st Melissa Hanson, 2nd Tessa Down, 3rd Lauren van den Barselaar, 13/14, Years: 1st Grace Haskins, 2nd Jess Fowler, 12 Years: 1st

ON THE SPOT

Weekender Sport

puts the questions to **Local football fan and former PSDL player**

Paul Manley



Q How old are you? and how long were you involved in local football?

A I'm 46. My dad took me every Saturday to watch Axminster Town from the age of 5. Made my debut for the first team at 13. My son Josh now plays for Combe St Nicholas

Q Which teams did you play for or manage?

A I played for 25 years at Axminster Town and managed a number of the youth teams and was assistant-manager to the senior teams.

Q Name the best three players you played alongside.

A Andy Gorfin (Axminster Town) - absolute different class. Phil Everett - still, and will be for a long time, Tiverton Town's leading goal scorer and still playing at a decent level now with Feniton in Devon & Exeter Premier Division (East Devon Youth League). Matthew Dare (Axminster Town) - Hard as nails and hated losing. And one more for luck - Adam Downes (Axminster Town) - simply won games on his own.

Q What is your favourite away ground?

A Lyme Regis - no other result in the season mattered as much.

Q Do any matches or incidents stick in your memory?

A Playing match away at Lyme Regis who at the time were flying. We knew we would be in for a hard afternoon so the tactic in the first-half was for our left-back Stuart Dickson to continually kick the ball out of the ground down towards the car park. Every time he did this he would shout 'chase this one'. David Cozens, the Lyme manager at the time was going mad! I think that we sneaked a draw.

Q Name the three best opponents you faced.

A Barry Bisgrove (Merriott Rovers), Andy Bell (Haselbury) and Stuart Rattenbury (Lyme Regis).

Q What is your most treasured football trophy?

A Winning the Devon Intermediate Cup (football) and the Devon Corinthian Cup (cricket) in the same year. Not including league and cup finals it was winning the Clubman-of-the-Year trophy at Axminster Town as my father was also a previous winner.

Q What was the first professional match you watched live?

A QPR 0 Manchester United 2 1976 - Steve Coppell and Gordon Hill on the wings!

Next: ELLIS HOOLE

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